



U M O D P C

Seaport Operations

612-400



References

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FM 100-17, *Mobilization, Deployment,
Redeployment and
Demobilization*

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Planning*



US Transportation Command

- USTRANSCOM (USTRANSCOM)
provides sea
transportation
assets through
transportation
component
commands

MTMC & MSC





Military Sealift Command (MSC)



- MSC provides common user sealift transportation services through MSC fleet & commercially contracted carriers.
- Under USTRANSCOM / DOD directive, MSC assumes operational control of:

Navy Reduced Operational Fleet

Maritime Ready Reserve Force

National Defense Reserve

Fleet





Vessel Types

- RO/RO Vessels



Best suited for loading & off-loading of rolling stock
Preferred for initial movement of pre-positioned & surge cargo
Spacious interiors allow easy maneuvering
Fast turn around time



Vessel Types (Cont)

- Fast Sealift Ships



Fastest cargo carrying vessel

Over 900 ft long

Heavy lift capability

Self-sustaining



Vessel Types (Cont)

- Container Ships



Greatest cargo capacity
Not optimal for moving all military cargo



Vessel Types (Cont)

- Breakbulk Vessels



Able to handle most military cargo on open decks or in multiple cargo holds
Labor intensive to load & unload



Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC)



- DOD single traffic manager for military cargo surface movements
- Responsible for all CONUS surface movements and common-user SPOE's for unit movements





MTMC (Cont)

- MTMC's SPOE related duties & responsibilities

Selecting the SPOE & coordinating vessel nominations with MSC

Developing vessel stow plans and supervising vessel loading

Preparing & issuing port call messages
Informing units' supporting commands & installations of all port calls issued



MTMC (Cont)



- Duties & responsibilities (Cont)
Directing PSA functions & activities
Receiving & staging unit equipment
(PSA-specific task)
- Establishing & directing port communications, safety policies & physical security procedures
- Regulating port traffic





Transportation Terminal Brigade (TTB)

- TTBs are reserve units that provide MTMC with capability to expand number of ports available
- Responsible for monitoring DOD commercial contract cargo movements including unit equipment, re-supply, & retrograde shipments
- Uses existing port facility infrastructure and contract stevedores



Transportation Terminal Brigade (Cont)

- Key TSB capabilities and responsibilities:
 - Operate 2 - 5 port berths
 - Receive, load, discharge & transship unit cargo
 - Prepare and update vessel stow plan
 - Enter equipment & cargo receipt data into automated systems
 - Perform liaison with deploying units



Port Support Activity (PSA)

- The PSA is a temporary military organization that assists the Port Commander Within CONUS, designated installations provide PSAs
- In overseas areas Area Support Groups (ASG) normally provide PSA support
- Deploying units do not normally man or operate PSAs



Port Support Activity (Cont)

- PSA is tailored & unique to each port
 - Operates in direct support of the port commander
 - Primary mission is ensuring deploying unit equipment is prepared for vessel loading, and operating unique equipment in port area
 - PSA operates almost exclusively in the port staging area



PSA Organization

- PSA Organization based on type of equipment processing through port.
Normally includes:
Qualified personnel to handle the physical security of classified equipment & cargo
Personnel with unique equipment operator skills
Maintenance personnel to correct deploying equipment deficiencies



PSA Functions

- Typical PSA functions in support of deploying units normally include:
 - Receiving, inspecting & documenting deploying equipment
 - Staging unit equipment in staging area
 - Correcting improperly secured loads and equipment configuration deficiencies
 - Operating equipment / vehicles



PSA Functions (Cont)

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Providing backup organizational & limited DS maintenance capability

Providing physical security for staged military cargo

Moving deploying unit equipment according to the port traffic plan



PSA Functions (Cont)

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As required, providing recovery and maintenance vehicles, administrative vehicles, ambulances & cleaning equipment
Assisting with aircraft support operations



Port Security Detachment (PSD)



- The PSD is a reserve component unit under the command authority of MTMC when mobilized
- The PSD administers the port commander's physical security plan & coordinates with the USCG for an integrated port physical security plan



Port Security Detachment

- PSD functions

Augmenting existing port security force or controlling traffic to include port points of entry.

Providing escort & security for high priority shipments

Coordinating in-transit sensitive and classified physical security requirements

Establishing liaison with area police



Waterside Security

-- USCG



- The US Coast Guard is responsible for all waterside physical security





Waterside Security

-- USCG (Cont)



- Other USCG duties include:
 - Regulating the shipping, handling & pier side storage of hazardous cargo
 - Interfacing with HN & military authorities on storage & handling of hazards
 - Issuing hazardous cargo permits



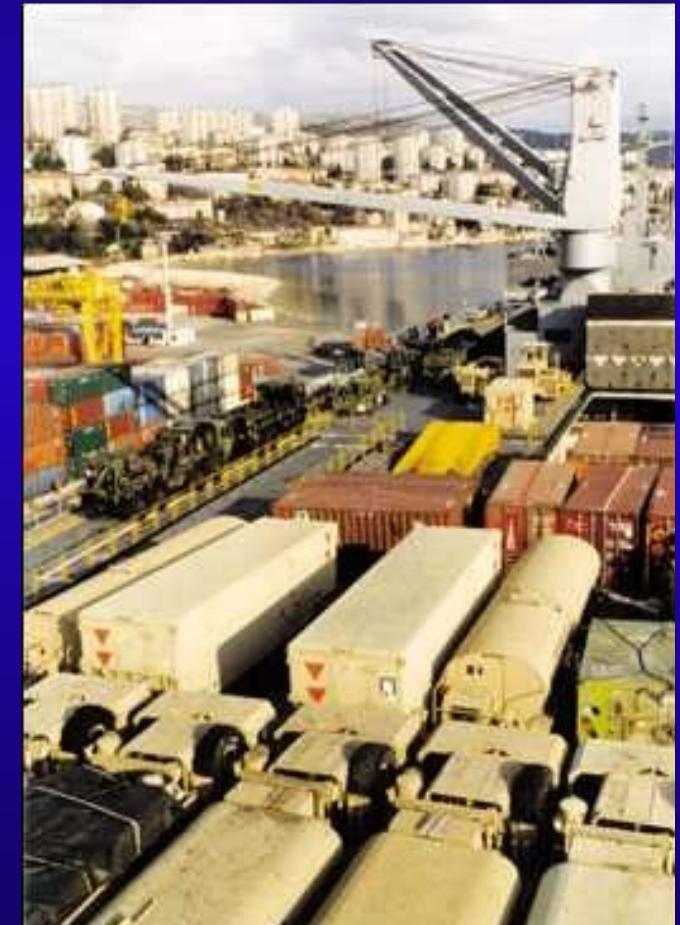


Seaport of Embarkation Functional Areas



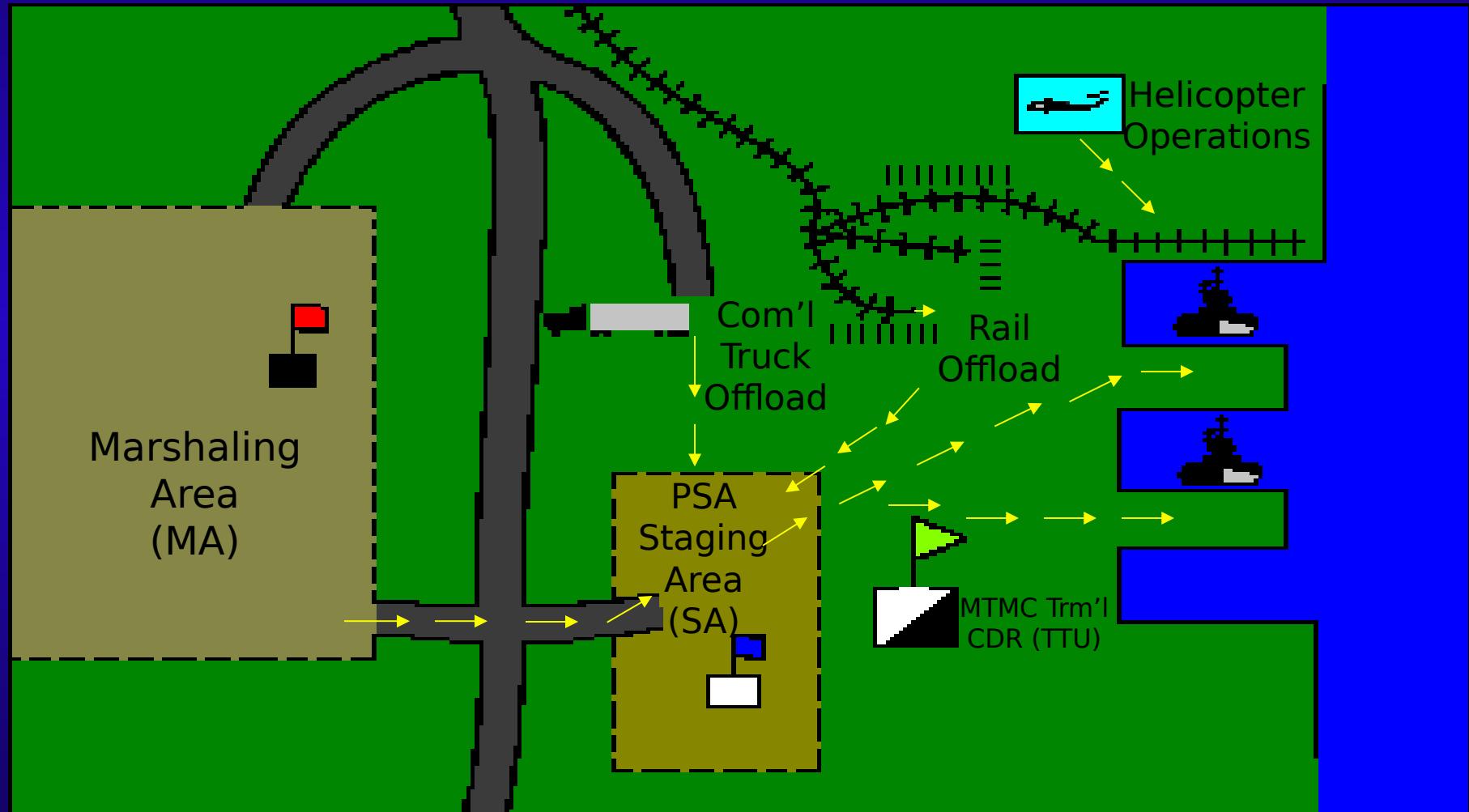
Seaport of Embarkation (SPOE)

- The loading & discharging of vessels is dedicated to rapid, efficient & controlled movement of cargo between ship & shore.





Notional SPOE





SPOE Marshaling Area

- Unit's final preparation location prior to entering POE port staging area
 - Ideally located near port staging area & vicinity of truck/rail discharge sites
 - Units inspect, reconfigure and prepare their equipment for movement to the staging area
 - In CONUS, supporting installations provide logistics support to units in marshaling area



Marshaling Area Layout

- There is no set organization or physical layout for an SPOE marshaling area
- Marshaling areas organized to prepare units for entry into port staging area





Marshaling Area Layout (Cont)

- The marshaling area design should:
 - Have a reception & assembly area
 - Reduce container & cargo-handling requirements
 - Permit a logical flow of vehicles, containers & cargo through to the terminal



Notional Marshaling Area

MARSHALING AREA OPERATIONS

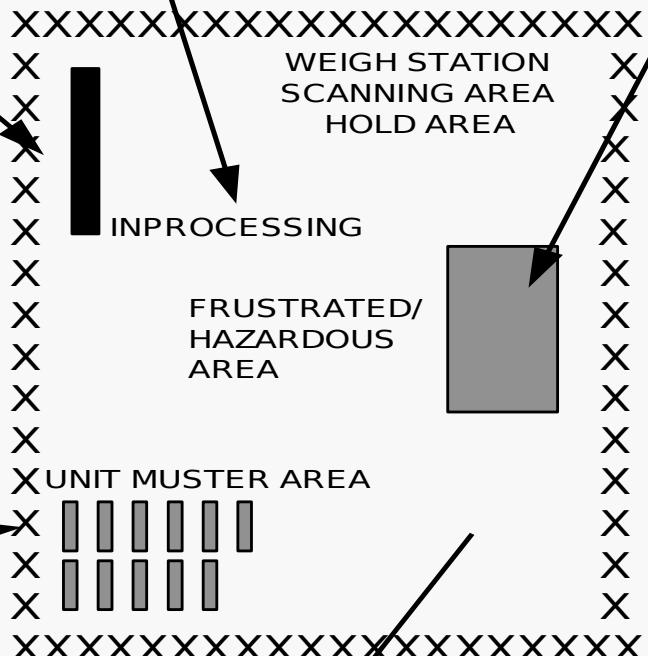
INPROCESSING AREA

- SAFETY/SECURITY OF EQUIPMENT BRIEFING
- MESSING/BILLETING
- POL
- MAINTENANCE
- MEDICAL SUPPORT
- TRANSPORTATION

MUSTER AREA

- REDUCE VEHICLES TO SPECIFIED SHIPPING CONFIGURATION
- VEHICLE INSPECTION
- FUEL LEVEL
- SECONDARY LOAD
- LASHING SECURITY
- MAINTENANCE
- DOCUMENTATION UPDATE
- VEHICLE KEY CONTROL
- SECURITY MEASURES

CONVOYS



TO PORT AREA

(CALL FORWARD AREA/PORT STAGING AREA)

FRUSTRATED/HAZARDOUS/SENSITIVE CARGO AREA

- FRUSTRATED CARGO
- HAZARDOUS CARGO
- SENSITIVE CARGO

FRUSTRATED CARGO

- NO LOGMARS LABEL
- WRONG LABEL
- UNREADABLE LABEL
- ANYTHING PREVENTING DEPLOYMENT

HAZARDOUS CARGO

- CERTIFICATION
- PROPER STORAGE
- PROPER PLACARDS

SENSITIVE CARGO

- IDENTIFICATION
- PROPER DOCUMENTATION
- PROPER SECURITY STORAGE



Marshaling Yards

- SPOEs marshaling areas may have designated marshaling yards
- In marshaling yards, cargo is subdivided into a number of categories, most commonly:
 - (breakbulk)
 - Containerized
 - Roll-on/roll-off
 - Special (oversize, heavy lift, hazardous & security) cargo





Marshaling Area Functions



- In general, marshaling areas should provide for the following functions and facilities:
 - A central control & inspection point with multiple lanes for vehicles & containers entering or leaving the marshaling yard
 - Security area for breakbulk, containerized sensitive, classified & high-dollar-value cargo



Marshaling Area Functions (Cont)

- Marshaling area functions and facilities (Cont):
 - Sheltered facilities for inventory control, documentation & movement control elements
 - Covered facilities for stowing containers & cargo
 - Traffic circulation plan for movement in, through and out of the area



Marshaling Area Functions (Cont)

- Marshaling area functions and facilities (Cont):
 - Minor repair areas for containers & equipment
 - Cleaning area for containers & vehicles
 - Maintenance area for unit equipment
 - Equipment and vehicle parking/staging
 - Messing and comfort facilities



Port Staging Area

- As the vessel readies for loading, equipment is sent from the marshaling area to the staging area based on a call forward plan





Port Staging Area (Cont)

MTMC terminal commander assumes custody of cargo in the staging area

PSA performs its functions

Equipment is loaded onto the vessel





Unit Responsibilities for SPOE Operations



Unit Responsibilities

-- Home Station

- Unit Preparation for sealift begins at home station
- Equipment & documentation preparation completed (to extent possible) prior to departing for SPOE
 - Vehicles moving by convoy & rail to SPOE must be reconfigured for sealift
- Proper HS preparation reduces port processing problems



Unit Responsibilities -- Deployment Equipment

List

- Unit DEL must be accurate

(*EXCERPTS FROM*) AUEL REPORT - UNITEQUIPMENT LIST												STATE: VA		
SHIPMT	E	SHIPMENT	DIMENSIONS (INCHES)			ITEM	PLANNED	ACTUAL	M	COMM	P	CGO	STATE: VA	
UNIT	C	UNIT	B#	LGTH	WDTH	HGTH	CUFT	WTLBS	LOADED	LOADED	TP	PK	E	CAT
D0017	X40009	01	TRUCK CARGO 2 1/2 T	M35A2	A17	265	106	113	1837	18180	18180	VO	36729	U R1DB
D0018	X40009	01	TRUCK CARGO 2 1/2 T	M35A2	A18	265	106	113	1837	18180	18180	VO	36729	U R1DB
D0026	T59278	01	TRK CARGO 10T 888	M977	A26	401	140	112	3639	58800	47160	VO	33214	U R1DC
A	AMMO .60CAL & BELOW			PCS-	2							PC	63014	
D0033	T91656	01	TRUCK TRACTOR 6x6	M916	A33	299	123	144	3065	27320	27320	VO	33229	U R1DC
D0034	T61103	01	TRUCK TRACTOR 6x4	M915	A34	269	123	131	2509	18621	18621	VO	33229	U R1DB
D0043	X52810	01	TRK LIFT FRK RT 2T	4000LB	A43	203	30	90	367	9180	9180	VO	39129	U A2DA
D0044	X52810	01	TRK LIFT FRK RT 2T	4000LB	A43	203	30	90	367	9180	9180	VO	39129	U A2DA
D0045	X52810	01	TRK LIFT FRK RT 2T	4000LB	A43	203	30	90	367	9180	9180	VO	39129	U A2DA
D0046	W95311	01	TRAILER CARGO 11/2T	M105A2	A17T	166	33	93	782	5670	2670	VE	39229	U R2DA
D0057	S70159	07	STLR FLATBED 34T	M872A1	A34T	490	96	148	4029	86490	27670	VE	39329	U R2D1
A	TRK LIFT FRK RT 2T			PCS-	3							VO	39129	
F0001	YA0098	09	AMMO .60CAL & BELOW	4500 LBS		108	33	93	512	4830	4830	PC	63014	U M2DA
F0002	YA0098	07	AMMO .60CAL & BELOW	3500 LBS		108	33	73	402	3830	3830	PC	63014	U M2DA

Arriving at SPOE with more or less equipment than reflected on DEL can delay deployment!



Unit Responsibilities

-- Hazardous Cargo

- Hazardous cargo must be prepared & labeled IAW CFR 49 *before* it is loaded for movement
- Hazardous material must be identified & properly packaged, marked & annotated on shipping and load documents
- Improperly prepared hazardous cargo can delay shipping & cause mission failure





Unit Responsibilities

-- Unit Liaison Team

- Deploying unit may establish a unit liaison team to facilitate movement through the port
- Team reports prior to unit arrival to establish liaison with port commander representative and PSA
- Team clarifies port processing procedures and directs unit correction of vehicle, cargo, and documentation deficiencies



Unit Responsibilities -- SPOE Checks & Considerations

- Final checks & considerations at the SPOE include:
 - Is equipment correctly configured for sealift?
 - Has all unit cargo documentation been completed? (MSLs, packing lists, load cards)
 - Has all hazardous cargo been properly labeled & stored according to CFR 49 and IMDGC?



Unit Responsibilities -- SPOE

- Final Checks/Considerations
(Cont'd)

Has coordination with the TTB and PSA

been accomplished?

Has return transportation been arranged
for vehicle drivers and other unit
personnel processing equipment at the

port? supercargoes been identified &
briefed?



Unit Responsibilities -- SPOE

- ~~Final Checks & Considerations (Cargo & Vehicles)~~ & vehicles staged in marshaling area according to loading sequence?
Has the call forward plan to staging area been established?
Have all vehicle & cargo deficiencies been corrected?



Units Responsibilities

-- Supercargoes

- Deploying unit may require supercargoes during strategic sealift of unit equipment

Supercargoes are unit soldiers aboard vessel who accompany equipment during transit
Supercargoes are the deploying unit commander's on-board representative



Units Responsibilities

-- Supercargoes

- Supercargo Responsibilities:

Making periodic checks of unit cargo on-board the vessel
Maintaining key control of vehicles
Making necessary repairs within team capabilities
Observing & assisting in cargo loading/discharge





Unit Responsibilities

-- Supercargoes

- Supercargo team (CSAT) dependent:
 - on: Number of vessel berths available
 - Number and type of vehicles aboard the vessel
- When multiple units deploy equipment aboard a single vessel, FORSCOM or other designated command determines supercargo allocation



Unit Responsibilities

-- Supercargoes

- Supercargo team (Cont)

generally consists of:

OIC or NCOIC

Selected maintenance personnel

Classified/sensitive cargo

escorts





Unit Responsibilities

--Customs



- Personnel & unit equipment departing CONUS via sealift may require a pre-customs clearance inspection
- Pre-customs inspections are normally conducted by military police
- Customs officials may not open classified material without US government approval



Unit Responsibilities

--Customs (Cont)

- DD Form 1253 (Military Customs Inspection Label) or DD Form 1253-1 (Military Customs Inspection Tag) provides documentary proof of pre-inspection
- Once cargo & vehicles have been inspected by Customs, items cannot be added or deleted